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REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from Cottbus

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REFERENCES                     PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)                     REMARKS                     

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 19 November 1953, the Alvensleben Kaserne in Cottbus was occupied by about 250 to 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 120 soldiers engaged in interior duty and construction work on three garages in the billeting area. Four light field guns and about 40 trucks were parked in the barracks yard.

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2. On 19 November, the Hermann Loeb Kaserne was occupied by about 1,700 to 1,800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. Soldiers engaged in interior duty, tank training, and infantry training at the installation. Other troops constructed field fortifications in the billeting area, knife rests, bunkers, and dug trenches. An AA gun was still emplaced in the yard.

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3. On 19 November, the Dissenchen Kaserne was occupied by about 1,300 to 1,400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. Soldiers enlarged target ranges, constructed field fortifications and cleaned weapons.

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Comments

Mecz Div in all barracks installations. The units include the 672d How Artillery Regt which, according to the guns observed, was vaguely confirmed in the Alvensleben Kaserne. Information on the small number of troops was submitted previously.

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